



The Carolina DX Association

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FOURTH QUARTER MEETING

ELECTIONS:

Elected Officers for 1985

President- WA4VCC, Ted Goldthorpe

V-President- KF4NO, Robert Denton

Sec/Treas- KD4RH, Gary Bader

Net Mgr- WB4GCB, Jack Lennox

Bul Ed- W4WMQ, Murf Ratterree

Congratulations to the crew for the upcoming year. The members should make every effort to support them and above all, give a hand to them when asked.

The membership wishes to thank the outgoing Officers that served the CDXA so well in 1984:

Pres- WA4VCC, Ted Goldthorpe

V-Pres- N4ZC, Roger Burt

Sec/Treas- KD4RH, Gary Bader

Net Mgr- K4CEB, Larry Sossoman

Bul Ed- W4WMQ, Murf

Those that didn't make it to the meeting sure missed out on a fine meal and an even finer social gathering.

As soon as the voting was closed, Ted started waving poster paper with plans for an aggressive 1985. In fact Ted was quite aggressive and presented CDXA's plans with much vigor. We will hear from Ted in the next bulletin on where we are going and how we can get there. Having knowledge of the plans, I know none of it will work if the membership doesn't rally together and support the goals for 1985.

Our ranks may be increased, which means we can do much more, if every member would mail the bulletins you received at the meeting to a non-member. You can also pass your current bulletins to others if you don't keep them. Too much trouble? If so, send the call to KD4RH and he will make sure they receive our information...

The CDXA is Alive in '85

My wife & I wish you and ur family the best for the Holiday Season; and I thank all of u who have helped in making '84 a Super year for the CDXA. 1985 will be no exception.

We're on a roll and that will be our posture for 1985. Now to business: 1st of all, KD4RH said he would appreciate all u members sending in ur '85 dues (\$10) ASAP. Pse comply with Gary's wishes. Next, our goals for '85:

(1) Develop a Club charter, Bylaws and a functioning steering committee.

(2) BE ON THE OTJER END OF A PILE-UP. The CDXA goes DX sometime during 1985.

(3) NEW MEMBERS.. Need I say more. Our growth will only come thru NEW MEMBERS..

Again, Merry Christmas and your support in 1985 will make the difference..

CU in the pileups-

WA4VCC

VCR RFI

With the increase in sales of every type video system on the market, it is only a matter of time until a nice neighbor ask you to turn the rig off until they finish watching their rented movie or whatever.

I figured someone had put in a good word for me since the last time I had problems was about 1960 when a nice neighbor was given a used metal case Crosley with a 21mhz IF. Hi Hi

Since then everyone was happy until a neighbor located 300 yards away purchased a new Sharp VCR, model VC481U. Now everyone knows the VCR was new and it couldn't be at fault. I made arrangements for a test transmission while the neighbor had the eyes of an eagle glued to the screen. This by the way was a few days after the RFI and the rig was on 20 meters. No RFI, anywhere..

It was quiet until the next Tue night when I received another call. It finally

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DX AND QSL INFORMATION

A61AA, 15 mtr mostly, 21240, app 1400Z for 1 yr::: FH4AA mostly lower end on 40 CW::: PS7ABT/S9 via PS7KM Bx 385, Natal, 59000, Brazil::: Chito, DU1CK, will go to Spratly again in 85 as 1S2CK::: W4PKM QTH chg, now 1855 Rosa Cr, Morristown, TN 37814::: A new op that works for the Wireless group in TN8 has requested eq and will come up into the W bands when on the air::: TT8CW will be OK, the documentation was passed to ARRL 6 Dec. He will return to France by 20 Dec:::
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The documentation for PY0FJ (CW) and PY0FF (SSB) was passed to ARRL 13 DEC. PY0FJ via Toni Kittler, Bx 273, Sao Paulo 01000, Brazil: PY0FF via Eva Perenyi, Bx 19094 Sao Paulo 19094, Brazil: PY0FJ said he had over 2700 CW contacts and PY0FF had a bit more than 2000. Bad propagation was blamed but they had the best results on 7 Mhz, QSLs will be out in late Jan 85::: ET3PG "Bekala" has been heard from Asia::: VS6CT has stopped running the XU due to bad prop stateside on Sun A.M. However, the PHO net on 14227 has the XU up often at 2300Z, no copy on the East coast so far.

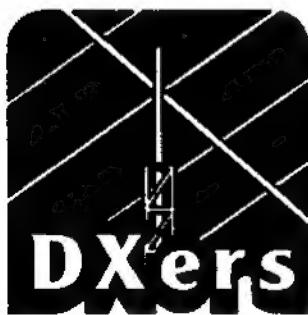
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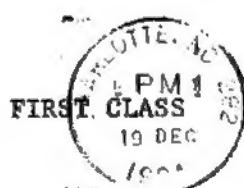
hit me I had made the test on 20 mtrs where I spend 95% of my time but if they have RFI tonight, it must be when I'm on 80 twice a week. That was it, 80 mtr RFI. Knowing zero about VCRs, I called Sharp at 201-265-5600 who shipped a Drake 300 Ohm filter. Not much help. Another call to Sharp and guess what freq the heads sweeps at? 3.4 to 4.4 Mhz....

They did inform me the head had a shield but couldn't be grounded directly. The neighbor gave me permission to open the VCR to look around while he looked on. The AC cord is only 2 conductor, the top and bottom of the case is metal but they are not connected, the Drake filter has 3 constant T coils with a center tap on each one. The taps are bonded to the circuit board but no way to put a ground on ^{THE} metal case or board. You can open the case and attach a #18 to the common point on the circuit board with a soldering iron. This was part of the cure... Bond the 300 ohm line filter to the rear of the VCR case. A coax braid placed under any case screw to bond the top to the bottom and leave a long loose run that will reach the AC outlet. I soldered the braid to the AC ground, did a fast job with my knife on the panel to allow the AC cover to be put back on and no more RFI. When I informed Sharp of the cure, they said most units op at 3Mhz.



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